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CONCORDIA WOMEN'S INVITATIONAL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT FEATURES OUTSTANDING TEAMS

Concordia University will host their 15th Annual Invitational Women's Hockey Tournament this weekend, featuring the finest in women's university hockey in North America.

Action gets underway for the eight-team three-day format on Friday at 5 p.m. as the TORONTO BLUES meet the PROVIDENCE COLLEGE LADY FRIARS. Toronto, defending OWIAA champions will be led by a pair of superlative goalies, veteran Karen Ranson and rookie Debbie McCarroll. Providence has 15 returnees from last years 22-3 team, including forwards Jackie Gladu (69 points) and Cindy Curley (65 points) also defenseman Mary Beth Hannon.

The second game will highlight the NEW HAMPSHIRE WILDCATS going against the YORK YEOWOMEN at 6:30 p.m.. The Wildcats are an explosive, experienced team which has accumulated an incredible 90-1-2 record with three consecutive EAIW championships. York, defending Tournament champions, will be a formidable opponent, however, as they are presently in first place in the Ontario league with a 6-1-1 record and earlier this year captured their own tournament title, defeating Concordia 1-0 in the final.

The MCMASTER LADY MACS battle the POTSDAM BEARS at 8:00 p.m.. McMaster is no stranger to the Concordia Tournament, having won the 1978 edition and finishing second to Providence College in the 1981 final. Potsdam is paced by two outstanding forwards in Kathy Lawler (93 goals and 21 assists in 21 games) and Kim Wood (44 goals and 20 assists in 15 games).

The CONCORDIA STINGERS and the UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK RED BLAZERS will meet in Friday's final, slated for 9:30 p.m. The Red Blazers have a strong nucleus from last years team which captured the St. Mary's Tournament, and the New Brunswick Provincial Tournament, earning a berth to the Canadian National Championships.

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Stinger coach Bill Doherty has 12 veterans returning from last years Quebec Champions led by Corinne Corcoran and Denise Bienvenu. Corcoran led Concordia in scoring last year with 51 goals and 42 assists in 33 games, while netminder Bienvenu had a remarkable 1.06 goals against average. Other returnees include Edith Langlois, Maureen Maloney and Julie Healy.

The winners of the Toronto-Providence and New Hampshire-York games will play at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, while the McMaster-Potsdam and U.N.B.-Concordia winners will meet at 3:00 p.m.. Losers in Friday's opening round will meet each other Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m..

The Championship game between Saturday afternoons winners is slated for 1:00 p.m. Sunday, preceded by a Third Place game at 11 a.m. and a Consolation final at 9:00 a.m.. Tournament All-Stars and Most Valuable Player awards will be presented following the Championship game.

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